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# Labour Force, Australia, Detailed

Detailed monthly and quarterly Labour Force Survey data, including hours, regions, families, job search, job duration, casual, industry and occupation

Reference period November 2023

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## About this release

Data from the monthly Labour Force Survey are released in two stages:

1. [Labour Force, Australia \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia/latest-release\)](/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia/latest-release) - which contains headline estimates of employment,

unemployment, underemployment, participation and hours worked

2. Labour Force, Australia, Detailed - which contains detailed data not included in the first release

This second release of Labour Force Survey data includes the latest detailed monthly and quarterly data. Some information, including industry, occupation, sector, job duration, and retrenchment, is only available for February, May, August and November.

As a result, in the 'non-quarter' months, the quarterly spreadsheets and datacubes have a different reference period. For example, the May issue contains May monthly and May quarterly data, while the July issue will contain July monthly and May quarterly data.

For more information on the data contained in the first and second releases, see the [Survey output \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/nov-2023#survey-output\)](/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/nov-2023#survey-output) section of the Labour Force Survey Methodology page.

## Major rebenchmarking of Labour Force estimates

The ABS has revised the original Labour Force series from July 2016 to reflect the latest estimated resident population (ERP) based on the 2021 Census (final rebased ERP).

The usual resident civilian population in October 2023 was revised up by around 0.2% (around 37,200 people).

This resulted in minimal revisions to all headline measures in this release.

This is a regular 5-yearly rebasing process which follows each Census, and ensures the Labour Force estimates are benchmarked to the most recent population information. Rebenchmarking does not involve any change to the underlying survey responses collected from the Labour Force Survey, just the population benchmarks that survey data is calibrated to.

This rebenchmarking also includes revisions to natural increase, overseas migration, and interstate migration component data from July 2022 onwards (that is, the regular quarterly rebenchmarking revisions).

This follows a similar process to that undertaken in 2022 when the 2021 Census preliminary rebased ERP was incorporated into the Labour Force series.

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## Using regional labour force data

Annual averages are important for understanding the current state of the labour market, and providing medium and long-term signals.

However, unusual, sudden and/or extreme changes in the labour market (e.g. changes to regular and seasonal patterns in employment, working hours, job search or availability as a result of COVID-19) can be difficult to account for in the short-term using a 12 month moving average. The application of an annual average to the original regional estimates in Table 16b is unlikely to accurately or quickly detect turning points in the time series during periods of significant change, which should be considered before drawing any conclusions from these estimates.

For advice on reporting data from our regional labour force products (Pivot tables RM1, RM3 and Tables 16, 16B, 16C) see [Advice on reporting regional labour force data](https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Previousproducts/6291.0.55.001Main%20Features4Jul%202016?opendocument&tabname=Summary&prodno=6291.0.55.001&issue=Jul%202016&num=&view=).) ([https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Previousproducts/6291.0.55.001Main%20Features4Jul%202016?opendocument&tabname=Summary&prodno=6291.0.55.001&issue=Jul%202016&num=&view=\).](https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Previousproducts/6291.0.55.001Main%20Features4Jul%202016?opendocument&tabname=Summary&prodno=6291.0.55.001&issue=Jul%202016&num=&view=).)

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## Update on enhanced Regional Labour Market Data

As part of ongoing improvements to the estimation method for Labour Force statistics, the ABS is also developing improved monthly regional labour force estimates.

A new [information paper \(/statistics/detailed-methodology-information/information-papers/further-refinements-modelled-sa4-level-labour-force-estimates-using-administrative-data\)](/statistics/detailed-methodology-information/information-papers/further-refinements-modelled-sa4-level-labour-force-estimates-using-administrative-data) was released on 30 October 2023 with the following updates on progress towards releasing higher quality regional labour force statistics:

- refinements to the model that will be used to produce improved SA4 level estimates
- updated SA4 estimates through to August 2023, based on the refined version of the model
- information on release plans, including timing
- plans to continue enhancing regional labour force statistics through modelling finer level sub-state estimates.

There have been changes to the release plans since 30 October 2023, when the [information paper \(/statistics/detailed-methodology-information/information-papers/further-refinements-modelled-sa4-level-labour-force-estimates-using-administrative-data\)](/statistics/detailed-methodology-information/information-papers/further-refinements-modelled-sa4-level-labour-force-estimates-using-administrative-data) was released. To incorporate the further improvements to the

estimation method for some relatively small population groups within the sample, the first monthly release of the modelled SA4 estimates will now be in early May 2024, one week after the release of March 2024 issue of [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release\)](/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release), with March 2024 being the latest month of data available.

The ABS has also released a research paper, [A Rao-Yu model for small area estimation of labour force statistics \(/statistics/research/rao-yu-model-small-area-estimation-labour-force-statistics\)](/statistics/research/rao-yu-model-small-area-estimation-labour-force-statistics), with additional details on the Rao-Yu area-level time series model used to produce these estimates.

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## Upcoming improvements to the Labour Force estimation method in early 2024

As part of ongoing improvements to the estimation method for Labour Force statistics, the ABS will make some minor changes in how it accounts for some relatively small population groups within the sample.

There are various small groups, which together account for less than 2 per cent of the overall sample, who are more difficult to survey each month, contribute a higher degree of underlying sampling variability, and for whom there is more reliable auxiliary data sources (e.g. regular administrative data). This includes some people who don't live in private dwellings and some people who live in remote and very remote parts of Australia.

As noted in recent Labour Force releases, ABS research and analysis has shown that estimation models that draw on auxiliary data for these groups produce a better quality contribution for them to aggregate Labour Force statistics.

Since then, in finalising the improved estimation model, the ABS has identified further improvements in how the auxiliary data should be used within these models.

Given many, but not all, of these groups have a relatively higher proportion of people who are not in the labour force, the optimised estimation method will better account for these people and their labour force characteristics. For recent years, this will generally mean an increase in the level and reduce the variability in the aggregate estimate of persons not in the labour force, along with corresponding changes to the employed and unemployed estimates.

As noted on 16 November 2023, the revisions to the participation rate will be greater than was noted in the 19 October release, while there will still be relatively little change in the

unemployment rate.

In order to afford time to incorporate these further improvements into the method, the ABS will introduce the new method with the February 2024 release (and quarterly population rebenchmarking revisions) on 21 March 2024.

Further information, including on revisions, will be provided in the January 2024 release on 15 February.

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## Labour force status

### Monthly (November)

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Table 01. Labour force status by age, social marital status and sex

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Table 03. Labour force status for 15-24 year olds by age, educational attendance (full-time) and sex and by state, territory and educational attendance (full-time)

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Table 25a. Labour Force status by State, Territory and Educational attendance (detailed)

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## Industry, Occupation and Sector

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Table 07. Employed persons by Occupation major group of main job (ANZSCO) and Sex

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## Hours worked

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Table 14c. Median duration of job search by state, territory and duration of job search

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Table 14e. Median duration of job search by relationship in household and duration of job search

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UM2 - Unemployed persons by duration of job search, state and territory, January 1991 onwards (pivot table)

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## Underemployment and underutilisation

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Table 13. Employed persons by Status in employment of main job and Hours actually worked in all jobs

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Table 16c. Median duration of job search by labour market region (ASGS) and duration of job search

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